

[0075] Therefore, if motor 33 is driven, worm 32 is rotated, and thus worm wheel 30 is moved in the Y axis direction along with Y-axis direction driving shaft 23. Therefore, charging coil 8 is moved in the Y axis direction.

[0076] The reference numeral 35 illustrated in FIG. 4 indicates a flexible wiring causing a current to flow through charging coil 8, and an end of flexible wiring 35 is fixed to the side surface of above-described support leg 17.

[0077] As illustrated in FIG. 9, controller 10 is connected to motor 28 via X-axis motor controller 36, and is connected to motor 33 via Y-axis motor controller 37.

[0078] Controller 10 is connected to charging coil 8 via charging coil controller 38, and is also connected to position detection coils 14 via position detection coil controller 39.

[0079] Next, a description will be made of a configuration of detecting whether or not there is a foreign object on the front surface side (upper surface side) of front surface plate 11 during conduction of charging coil 8.

[0080] In the present exemplary embodiment, as described above, foreign object detection coils 55 detect whether or not there is a foreign object on the front surface side (upper surface side) of front surface plate 11 during non-conduction of charging coil 8 (before conduction of charging coil 8). On the other hand, during conduction of charging coil 8 (after conduction of charging coil 8), the presence of a foreign object is detected by large diameter detection coil 43 illustrated in FIGS. 12 and 13 provided between charging coil 8 and the mobile terminal placement portion of support plate 6, and detection coil 44 which is disposed inside detection coil 43. Detection coil 44 has a smaller diameter than that of detection coil 43.

[0081] Specifically, since charging coil 8 is movable depending on a location where mobile terminal 15 is placed, detection coils 43 and 44 are disposed on the upper surface of charging coil 8 (the surface on support plate 6 side), and are moved along with charging coil 8.

[0082] Large diameter detection coil 43 has nearly the same size as the outer diameter of annular charging coil 8 (the detection coil is slightly smaller than the outer diameter of charging coil 8), and small diameter detection coil 44 has nearly the same size as the inner diameter of annular charging coil 8 (the detection coil is slightly larger than the inner diameter of charging coil 8).

[0083] As illustrated in FIG. 9, large diameter detection coil 43 and small diameter detection coil 44 are connected to controller 10 via voltage detectors 45 and 46, respectively.

[0084] The reference numeral 47 illustrated in FIG. 9 indicates a memory which stores a program or the like for performing a safety operation on metal foreign objects by using large diameter detection coil 43 and small diameter detection coil 44.

[0085] In the present exemplary embodiment, if a metal foreign object is present between the mobile terminal placement portion (the upper surface of support plate 6) and mobile terminal 15, it is found that a magnetic flux in the inner portion of charging coil 8 decreases, and, conversely, a magnetic flux in the outer portion increases, and this state is detected by large diameter detection coil 43 and small diameter detection coil 44.

[0086] Hereinafter, this state will be described with reference to FIGS. 13 to 18 simplified for better understanding.

[0087] FIG. 14 illustrates a state in which mobile terminal 15 is being charged (during conduction of charging coil 8) in a state in which there is no metal foreign object between

the mobile terminal placement portion (the upper surface of support plate 6) and mobile terminal 15 as in FIG. 3.

[0088] In FIGS. 13 to 18, the reference numeral 48 indicates a magnetic body for forming a magnetic path, provided on a lower side (an opposite side to mobile terminal 15) of charging coil 8 in main body case 7 of mobile terminal charging device 5. The reference numeral 49 indicates a magnetic body for forming a magnetic path, provided on an upper side (an opposite side to mobile terminal charging device 5) of terminal charging coil 15a in mobile terminal 15.

[0089] If a charging operation is performed, as illustrated in FIG. 14, a magnetic flux from charging coil 8 of mobile terminal charging device 5 is supplied to terminal charging coil 15a of mobile terminal 15. This magnetic flux induces a voltage in terminal charging coil 15a, and thus mobile terminal 15 is charged by the voltage.

[0090] The magnetic flux having passed through terminal charging coil 15a returns to charging coil 8 via magnetic body 49, a space, and magnetic body 48 as indicated by arrows.

[0091] In contrast, FIG. 15 illustrates a state in which mobile terminal 15 is being charged in a state in which non-magnetic metal foreign object 50 (for example, a coin made of aluminum) is present between the mobile terminal placement portion (the upper surface of support plate 6) and mobile terminal 15.

[0092] In this case, as illustrated in FIG. 15, an eddy current is induced in metal foreign object 50 by a magnetic flux passing through metal foreign object 50. As a result, a magnetic flux is generated as indicated by a counterclockwise arrow in FIG. 15.

[0093] The magnetic flux indicated by the counterclockwise arrow has a direction opposite to a direction of a magnetic flux directed from charging coil 8 toward terminal charging coil 15a in an inner portion of metal foreign object (the central direction of charging coil 8). The magnetic flux indicated by the counterclockwise arrow has the same direction as the direction of the magnetic flux directed from charging coil 8 toward terminal charging coil 15a in an outer portion (a direction opposite to the center of charging coil 8).

[0094] As a result, as illustrated in FIG. 16, among the magnetic fluxes directed from charging coil 8 toward terminal charging coil 15a, a magnetic flux advancing in the inner peripheral direction of charging coil 8 is curved outward from the inner peripheral portion of charging coil 8 and is then directed toward terminal charging coil 15a.

[0095] In other words, the magnetic flux in the inner peripheral portion of charging coil 8 decreases, and, conversely, the magnetic flux in the outer peripheral portion of charging coil 8 increases.

[0096] In this situation, in the present exemplary embodiment, since large diameter detection coil 43 is provided on the upper surface side (terminal charging coil 15a side) of charging coil 8 and small diameter detection coil 44 is provided inside detection coil 43 as described above, a state illustrated in FIG. 16 can be detected by detection coils 43 and 44.

[0097] Specifically, a first voltage (V1) detected by large diameter detection coil 43 increases (as a result of there being a large number of magnetic fluxes, and a distance to the magnetic fluxes also becoming short). Conversely, a second voltage (V2) detected by small diameter detection